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In re Application of:)
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For: **CLUSTER SYSTEM, MEMORY**)
ACCESS CONTROL METHOD,)
AND RECORDING MEDIUM)

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.56 and 1.97(b), applicant brings to the Examiner's attention the document listed on attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of the listed document is attached. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the document listed on attached Form PTO-1449 and indicate that it considered by making an appropriate notation on this form.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed with the above-referenced application.

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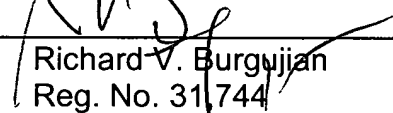
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Respectfully submitted,

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